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SUBJ: SEATTLE MEETING ON SALMON ISSUE

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1. YONEZAWA, JFA, EXPLORED WITH RFA POSSIBILITY CONVENING MEETING FEB 15 OR 16 IN VIEW UNAVAILABILITY PARTICIPATION SOME MEMBERS USDEL DUE CONCURRENT MEETING U.S.-CANADA AND IN VIEW LIKELIHOOD THAT THAT MEETING MAY CONCLUDE BY WEEKEND. RFA EXPLAINED MEETING ARRANGEMENTS DESCRIBED PARA 3 REFTEL A AND U.S. DESIRE CONVENING MEETING ASAP. AFTER CONSULTING OTHERS, YONEZAWA CONFIRMED GOJ WOULD MEET AS PROPOSED FEB 13.

2. FONOFF ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT MEETING IN VIEW POSSIBILITY UNAVAILABILITY U.S. PRINCIPALS. IT HAD UNDER CONSIDERATION SUGGESTION PROGRAMMING MEETING SO THAT U.S.-JAPAN TALKS COULD BE HELD PERHAPS IN MORNING AND U.S.-CANADA TALKS IN AFTERNOON, THEREBY PERMITTING FULL USDEL ATTENDANCE BOTH MEETINGS. RFA EXPLAINED THIS WOULD SLOW PROGRESS DISCUSSIONS BOTH MEETINGS.

3. FONOFF ALSO RAISED QUESTIONS (1) WHETHER IN ABSENCE MCKERNAN
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DIRECTOR SCHONING WOULD BE AVAILABLE AND WHETHER BOTH MCKERNAN

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AND SCHONING WOULD BE REQUIRED AT SOME TIME PARTICIPATE SIM-
ULTANEOUSLY U.S.-CANADA MEETING, THEREBY SLOWING PROGRESS
U.S.- JAPAN TALKS; (2) POSSIBILITY DECISION MADE IN ABSENCE
MCKERNAN COULD BE CHANGED LATER; (3) WHY
MCKERNAN ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN U.S.-CANADA MEETING.

4. HONDA (FIRST NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION) WAS ASSURED SCHONING
WOULD BE AVAILABLE WHENEVER MCKERNAN UNABLE ATTEND SO MEETING
COULD PROCEED WITHOUT INTERRUPTION. FURTHER, ANY DECISION ON
U.S. SIDE COULD PROCEED WITHOUT INTERRUPTION. FURTHER, ANY
DECISION ON U.S. SIDE WOULD BE MADE AFTER CONSULTATION AND
CAREFUL STUDY AND IT WAS NOT LIKELY IT WOULD BE CHANGED LATER,
NECESSITATING FURTHER DELAY IN REACHING AGREEMENT. MCKERNAN'S
PREVIOUS ROLE IN U.S.-CANADA DISCUSSIONS ON SALMON ISSUE WAS
MENTIONED AS REASON FOR NECESSITY HIS CONTINUED PARTICIPATION
IN THAT ROLE.

5. CONCERN OF FONOFF RE CONDUCT AND PROGRESS OF MEETING APPEARS
STEM IN PART TO POSSIBLE CONFLICT OVER MATSUURA'S
SCHEDULE SHOULD SALMON ISSUE NOT BE RESOLVED BEFORE WEEKEND.
MATSUURA APPARENTLY HAS FIRM COMMITMENT FEB 18 IN CANADA.
FONOFF ALSO WANTS SALMON ISSUE RESOLVED ASAP.
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